

California Maritime Security Council Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: June 29, 2007

Location: Port of San Francisco

WELCOME ADDRESS:

Matthew Bettenhausen
Director, Office of Homeland Security

Rear Admiral Jody Breckenridge
Commander, USCG, District Eleven
CMSC-USCG Liaison (Outgoing)

Introduction of RADM Craig Bone
Commander, USCG, District Eleven
CMSC-USCG Liaison (New)

OPENING REMARKS:

Director Bettenhausen:

- Spoke briefly about the state budget for 2008
- U.S. DHS appropriation of authorized spending
- Explained grant spending (spent vs. unspent funds)

Rear Admiral Breckenridge (USCG):

- Delivered remarks concerning her final meeting as Co-chair
- Highlighted two key issues:
 1. The CMSC has provided end-state goals
 2. The CMSC must demonstrate tangible outcomes if it intends to move forward with meaning
- Introduced her replacement – Rear Admiral Craig Bone

Rear Admiral Bone (USCG):

- Introduced himself to the Council and made a few remarks

Director Bettenhausen:

- Called for approval of the Minutes from the 09 March 2007 CMSC Meeting – **Council Approved unanimously**
- Called for Adoption of the CMSC Charter – **Council Adopted unanimously**

SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES

I - Maritime Strategy, presented by Sidonie Sansom, Chair

- Subcommittee has seven (7) goals:
 1. Security Program Employment
 2. Develop a common method for security assessments

3. Coordination of threat vulnerability assessments
4. Foster best practices
5. Develop information partnerships
6. Utilization of other subcommittees
7. CMSC as a clearinghouse

II – Legislation & Grants, presented by Cosmo Perrone, Chair

- Created a peer review process for port project grant allocation
- Developing a long range peer review strategic process.
- For first round of funding – created a streamline process in order to allocate funds expeditiously, as follows:
 - 1) Ports will submit a one (1) page proposal, by 01 August 2007, to include the following: project summary; purpose of project; potential risk draw-down; potential consequences if not carried out.
 - 2) Peer review will be carried out 12 August 2007
- Creation of a scoring template to aid in the alignment of the State and Federal strategy.
- Submission of Subcommittee Charter
- Will work to create advocacy approaches, i.e., alignment with AAPA
- Touched on “Brown Act” concerns

III - Information Sharing, presented by Bill Hipsley, Chair

- Have written and obtained subcommittee concurrence on the Charter. Highlights include: employing complimentary systems for maximum benefit; increased integration for information sharing, dissemination, and sorting of relevant; establishing a better relationship with federal contacts.
- Planning a subcommittee meeting for the July 17, 2007 timeframe.
- Developed a baseline model on what they do using the ODP and USCG AMSC portal (Homeport) for document retrieval and storage.

Comments on Information Sharing:

RADM Breckenridge: *“This is a crucial moment for information sharing. There is lots of movement in D.C. concerning this.”*

Cosmo Perrone: *“Since port security officials are not getting clearances, they are not able to obtain vital information and therefore are unable to plan accordingly.”*

RADM Bone: *“Threat assessments can be made using broad information based on potentials. Area Maritime Security committees can be utilized in this effort.”*

Matt Bettenhausen: *Mentioned the successes of the pilot program deploying federal terrorism analysts to the state.*

IV - Science & Technology, presented by Anthony Taormina, Chair & Nancy Suski, Co-Chair

- Established a Charter – looking for common ground, addressing how to best engage the subcommittee
- Will make the subcommittee a forum for Science & Technology with a focus to spread new technology and apply appropriate technologies to the right problems
- Identifying gaps that Technology can be correct

V - Training & Exercises, presented by Jack Hagan, Chair

- Will Act as an advisory body to the CMSC

- Links three (3) Area Maritime Security Committees in Training & Exercises
- Will work to synergize with “Golden Guardian” in 09’ exercise
- Identifying training requirements, best practices, and trends
- Highlighted two (2) action items:
 1. Look at developing a certifying body for maritime training
 2. Work with DHS to eliminate the multiple portals/websites/hubs etc., in an effort at consolidation

Comment:

Cosmo Perrone – *“OP SEC” is a great program. Could use to develop a template for maritime security to identify who is watching us, and what were doing.”*

VI – Transportation Workers Identification Credential (TWIC), presented by George Cummings

- Working to develop implementation strategies
- Have created a draft Charter
- Continuing to monitor legislation at the State/fed levels
- Will work to share information technologies and best practices
- Port of L.A. is currently carrying out a TWIC Field Test
- Will leverage with Science & Technology subcommittee

VII - Recovery & Reconstitution, presented by Paul Jacks

- Subcommittee has yet to meet but will be doing so in the near future
- Will work to have a draft Charter by the next meeting

PRESENTATIONS

- Homeland Defense Operational Planning System (HOPS), presented by Lawrence Livermore National Labs
- ODP Portal Overview presented by BJ Bjornson, Governor’s Office of Homeland Security

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None received

NEXT MEETING DATE

25 September 2007; location to be determined

ADJOURNMENT

Director Bettenhausen requested meeting adjournment; Cosmo Perrone seconded; Council concurred.

OTHER

List of meeting attendees; CMSC Charter and approved minutes on file at the Governor’s Office of Homeland Security.